

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance. After reviewing the file, the Applicants have notice several informalities in the application.

The Figure 8 approved during the prosecution has never been formalized. Also, no reference to Figure 8 was present in the application. Figure 8 was originally submitted as a revised Figure 3. The Examiner agreed to enter Figure 8 and keep Figure 3 the way it was originally presented. However, Applicants have noticed that Figure 8 includes the same reference numerals as Figure 3. Therefore, reference to Figure 8 is provided in the Brief Description of the Drawings and parentheticals have been placed in the specification to include reference to Figure 8. The references to Figure 8 were submitted in response to the final rejection, which was filed on August 24, 1999. The paragraph and line numbers were specifically pointed out in the response after final. Therefore, no new matter has been entered by these amendments.

In the Office Action mailed January 18, 2005, the Examiner failed to enter the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on March 12, 2002. In his rejection, the Examiner stated that "each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement or that no item of information was cited from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application more than three months prior to the Information Disclosure Statement." The Examiner placed the Information Disclosure Statement in the file, but it was not considered as to the merits. Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which, on Page 2, states:

The undersigned attorney certifies that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

This document was pulled from public PAIR. The reference not of record is the Glickman reference, U.S. Pat. No. 5,267,167. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the Office Action of January 18, 2005 and consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 12, 2002, since the proper certification was set forth.

Applicants submit herewith a revised Figure 8 in formal form, and the Information Disclosure Statement with certification filed in March of 2002.

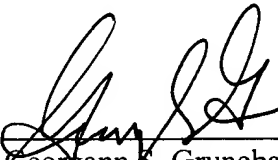
CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Should any fees be associated with this submission, please charge Deposit Account 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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